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In re U.S. Patent Application

Tamura *et al.*

Application 09/762,134

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For: MICROARRAY CHIP AND METHOD
FOR INDEXING THE SAME

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Examiner:
FORMAN, BETTY J.

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of additional claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	8	10	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	4	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)	1	2	PAID	+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
			TOTAL		0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Substitute Specification

[] Other _____

[] Petition for Extension of Time _____ months

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson

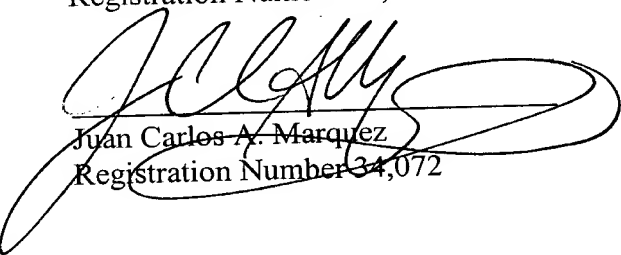
[] _____ sheets of drawings

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- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including patent application filing fees and processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003 the shortened period for response to which will expire on October 8, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group 2, drawn to a method for indexing a microarray chip, without traverse. Claims 4 through 7 pertain to the elected group.